

Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – November 9, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the [full video](#) for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- On October 29th, the FDA issued an EUA of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for active immunization of individuals 5-11 years of age. On November 2nd, ACIP issued an interim clinical recommendation for the same age group. On November 3rd, children 5-11 years old became eligible to be vaccinated with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
- The Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine (orange capped vial) is composed of a different formulation than the adult vaccine (purple vial). Pediatric patients should **only be administered vaccine from the orange capped vial**.
- The Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine is a two-dose series of 10 mg per dose, administered 21 days apart.
- Children should receive the age-appropriate vaccine formulation **regardless of their size or weight**. The dosage should be based on the child's age on the day of vaccination. If a child turns from 11 to 12 years of age between their first and second dose and receives 5-11 years 10 mg (orange cap) for their second dose, they **do not need to repeat the dose**, and this is not considered an error per the EUA.

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

- Any of the COVID-19 vaccines can be used for booster vaccination, regardless of the vaccine product used for primary vaccination. For more information, review DSHS' [COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations With Additional and Booster Doses infographic](#).

Safety Monitoring and Reporting

- [V-safe](#) is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to give personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Through v-safe, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Parents and guardians can enroll children ages 5 years and older in v-safe and complete health check-ins on their behalf. Enroll your dependent in v-safe [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering

- All order requests for Moderna COVID-19 vaccine approved after 9:15 am Central Time on October 22nd will receive double ancillary supplies with each other. The purpose of this modification is to support booster half dose administration. Ancillary kits and vaccines are shipped separately and usually arrive within 24 hours of each other.
- Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, orders of **COVID-19 vaccine will not be shipped between November 24th and November 26th**. Please place your order request as soon as possible if you'd like to receive your shipment before the shipping freeze.
- Due to high volume of order requests, less than full pack size order requests of COVID-19 vaccine are taking longer than usual to process and ship. To ensure timely delivery of product, providers are encouraged to place full pack size orders or arrange a transfer from a nearby facility. View DSHS' [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Availability Chart](#) for more information.

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- Which groups are eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster dose?
- We received a shipment of Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine, but there were no ancillary supplies included. Can we expect to receive these ancillary supplies at a later date?
- How frequently should we report COVID-19 vaccine waste in VAOS?
- Can we draw up all COVID-19 pediatric vaccine doses from a vial at once, or is it better to dilute and then draw up as needed?

